



PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 15499.172.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	van Nimwegen	)
Serial No.:	10/052,164	)
Filed:	January 17, 2002	)
For:	GROUND-ANCHORED BASE FOR A PORTABLE BASKETBALL GOAL SYSTEM	) Art Unit 3711
Examiner:	Michael S. Chambers	)
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** being on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 9.

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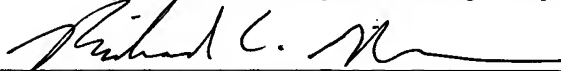
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TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,** TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 19, 2003 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: November 19, 2003 until: February 19, 2004  
*Date Date*

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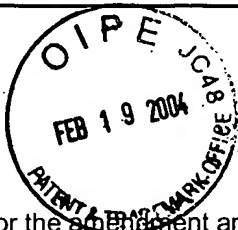
**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	37 -	45 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	5 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$950.00</b>

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$950.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of **\$950.00**
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **23-3178**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **23-3178**

  
Signature

Dated: February 19, 2004

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